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SUBJ: OAU CONFERENCES

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1. FROM ALL INDICATIONS, AFRICAN DECOLONIZATION LIKELY TO BE PRINCIPAL FOCUS OF OAU CONFERENCES STARTING TOMORROW. AT THIS POINT, MAJORITY OPINION, REFLECTING NIGERIAN LEAD, SEEMS TO FAVOR NEGOTIATIONS (WITH BOTH LISBON AND SALISBURY) AND REFERENDA, PERHAPS LEADING TO COMPROMISE SOLUTIONS: VOCAL MINORITY STICKING TO HARDLINE OF IMMEDIATE AND FULL INDEPENDENCE/ MAJORITY RULE. DEVELOPMENTS IN NEXT WEEK OR SO WILL AFFECT OAU POSITION ADOPTED AT SUMMIT, AND VICE-VERSA. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO US IN FOLLOWING DISCUSSIONS HERE IF APPROPRIATE POSTS WOULD KEEP US CURRENT ON MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS REGARDING NEGOTIATIONS IN COURSE IN LONDON, LUSAKA AND ELSEWHERE ON DECOLONIZATION.

2. SECOND LIVELIEST SUBJECT MAY BE AFRO-ARAB RELATIONS. MIDDLE
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EAST PER SE LIKELY TO BE DOWN-PLAYED, BUT BLACK AFRICAN UN-

HAPPINESS WITH ARAB RESPONSE TO OIL PRICE SQUEEZE WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY BE INTENSELY DISCUSSED. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFO ON OUTCOME OF SUDANESE FONMIN MANSUR KHALID'S CURRENT EFFORTS.

3. SUMMIT WILL ALSO DECIDE ON REPLACEMENT FOR RECENTLY-RE-SIGNED SECGEN EKANGAKI. WE HEAR AHIDJO CONSIDERS POSITION "HIS" AND ALREADY PUSHING DICKO, CAMEROUN AMBASSADOR IN ADDIS. MOST OTHERS CONTEST AHIDJO'S CLAIM. ACCORDING SEVERAL INFORMED SOURCES, SUMMITEERS PROBABLY WILL WANT TO AVOID AGONY OF REAL ELECTION AND MAY TEMPORIZE BY SELECTING ONE OF FOUR ASSISTANT SECGEN'S TO COMPLETE EKANGAKI'S TOUR. FRONT-RUNNER SAID TO BE KAMANDA (ZAIRE).

4. THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT, CONTRARY TO PRACTICE AT PREVIOUS SUMMITS, NON-AFRICAN STATESMEN MAY BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE AS OBSERVERS. NORTH KOREA, GRUNK, PRG AND POSSIBLY OTHERS LIKELY TO LOBBY HARD IN FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE OF MOGADISCIO. GRUNK FONMIN SARIN CHAK ALREADY IN TOWN.
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